Encroachment of Railway property

1288. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Railway property (land) which has been encroached upon in various parts of the country;

(b) what action Government have taken to retrieve the same;

(c) whether there is any proposal to lease out idle railway property ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) About 2000 hectare of railway land is under encroachment.

(b) Action for getting this land vacated is taken in accordance with the provisions of the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Agitation by N.F. Railway Mazdoor Union

1289. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that N. F. Railway Mazdoor Union of Kurseong Branch are agitating for long for their demands and are resorting to hunger strike etc ; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to settle the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Kurseong Branch of N. F. Railway Mazdoor Union which is a recognised union of N. F. Railway, resorted to hunger strike on 14-11-91 at Tindharia, despite being told to avail of the normal channels available to them for redressal of their grievances. The union was replied and most of the demands have already been taken up, in the established fora at the Divisional and Zonal levels.

Re-Employment of retrenched casual labourers in southern railway

1290. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Court had issued orders on 22nd October, 1990 in Writ Petition 332/86 for re-employment of retrenched casual labourers in Southern Railway within one year from the date of their orders;

(b) whether these orders have been implemented fully;

(c) if so, the details of employees thus re-employed; and

(d) if not implemented, the reasons thereof?

THE MIISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Memorandum by Indian Railway Coal, Ash and Transhipment Union

1291. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received identical memorandum from Indian Railways Coal, Ash and Transhipment Handling Mazdoor Union (CITU), the N. F. Railway and from Union's various branches;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) the action taken by Government on the demands contained in the said memoranda.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY Of RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Railway Coal, Ash and Transhipment Handling Mazdoor Unions have represented that the circular issued by Railways to Coal and Ash handling Contractors to engage only those labourers who are appellant in Supreme Court case and under the jurisdiction of Stay Order, should be withdrawn.

(c) Does not arise as no such circular has been issued by the N. F. Railway.